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SUBJECT:EX-SENATOR HARTKE PRIVATE INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

1. MR. HOFFMAN CONTACTED THE DESK SEPTEMBER 11 TO INFORM THAT THE CONSORTIUM HEADED BY EX-SENATOR HARTKE PUT TOGETHER TO DEVELOP AN ALUMINA/ALUMINUM PLANT IN JAMAICA WILL NOT PURSUE THE PROJECT FURTHER. ACCORDING TO HOFFMAN, THE GOJ HAS DEFAULTED ON EVERY ASPECT OF THE CONTRACT IT SIGNED WITH THE HARTKE GROUP SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TO ESTABLISH SUCH A PLANT.
2. HARTKE SAID EX-SENATOR HARTKE BELIEVES THAT THE USSR, WORKING THROUGH THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT, IS ATTEMPTING TO GAIN ACCESS TO JAMAICA'S BAUXITE AND ALUMINUM RESOURCES AND THAT SHORTLY AMERICAN ALUMINUM COMPANIES OPERATING IN JAMAICA WILL BE NATIONALIZED.
3. MR. HOFFMAN WAS CAREFUL TO DESCRIBE THIS AS A "BEST GUESS" AND NOT BASED ON ANY HARD INFORMATION. HARTKE ASKED

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THAT THIS INFORMATION BE PASSED TO AMBASSADOR IRVING.

4. THE DESK WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE ON JAMAICAN VIEWS OF THE HARTKE PROPOSAL AND REASONS FOR ITS FAILURE. CHRISTOPHER

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